

PUBLIC HEALTH ALWAYS WORKING FOR A SAFER AND HEALTHIER WASHINGTON

Washington State Department of Health
Matrix of Agency Areas of Regulation in Schools
Washington State Board of Health

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The Matrix of Agency Areas of Regulation

- A statewide overview of agencies and the regulatory nature of their standards
- A graphic representation of
 - The network of agencies and programs that exist
 - Where different agency standards are applied to school facilities
 - Possible overlaps and gaps between agency standards
- To assist the SBOH with the discussion about overlaps and gaps.



Elements of Environmental Health and Safety in Schools

Key areas or topics for environmental health and safety, in five categories:

- Siting
- Design
- Construction
- Operation and Maintenance
- Oversight and Assurance



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Matrix Legend

Regulatory Level descriptions provide a general characterization of agency programs in terms of:

- Standards—how are these established, by statute, rule, or guidance?
- Application of standards—what is the mechanism used to apply the standards?
- Capacity to apply—what capacity exists statewide to apply the standards?
- Level of compliance—what is the general level of statewide compliance?





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Rating Numbers

- How were these assigned?
 - Regulatory agency staff reviewed matrix & ratings
- What do they mean?
 - Identify the regulatory nature of the programs
- Do the rating numbers indicate the quality or adequacy of a standard?
 - This matrix does not evaluate existing standards.





What does the Matrix indicate?

- Where more than one *Rating Number* appears in a column, an overlap of activity or requirement may exist.
- Where a lower value Rating Number appears, indicating a less robust regulatory program, a gap in protection may exist.
- The matrix does not identify the possibility of a gap in protection resulting from a low or inadequate standard.



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